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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is very easy to make suggestions in these matters. There may be as many suggestions as we can think of, but the question is what is it that is in the best interests of the country. I am sure the leaders will take ultimate decisions which would be in the best interests of the country as a whole.

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI : Sir, the Hon. Minister referred to political employment. May I know from him whether the question of political employment is holding up the consideration of the formation of Dakshina Pradesh? (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The question of political employment or non-employment has not arisen with reference to Dakshina Pradesh. The only question is the Andhra border dispute which has given rise to border commandants. No doubt these commandants will be dethroned as soon as the dispute is solved.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Apart from the insinuation made by the Leader of the House, by which I will not be provoked, I want him to be more serious in this matter. While granting that I am convinced of the sincerity of this Government in solving this problem, may I know in all humility what is the *modus operandi* that the Government are going to adopt in this matter, and will they be pleased to set a date—at least indicate a probable date—before which this tangle would be solved and the commandant of this movement would be removed from the political employment which he is now having?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am glad the hon. Member will not get provoked, and I am also glad he has learnt by experience. (Laughter.) As far as this question is concerned, I have already answered that it all depends upon the position in regard to the various other areas also. As soon as final decisions are taken, I am sure this question also will be solved very easily. I may assure the hon. Member that before the final reorganization of the States takes place and before the general elections take place, this area will be available as a constituency.

(Starred question No. 3097—Postponed.)

Construction of a sea wall in Tellicherry

* 3098 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to construct a sea wall in front of the Civil Court buildings, Tellicherry?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : Yes.

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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : May I know whether the proposal that the Government now affirm is to be implemented in the Third or Fourth or Fifth Five-Year Plan or straightaway now?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : The hon. Member need not be so very pessimistic.

Eviction of Harijans from slums

* 3099 *Q*.—SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of cases pending in the courts of Madras City to evict Harijans from the slums owned by private parties up to 31st December 1953?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Five cases were pending on 31st December 1953.

SRI A. M. RATHNASWAMY : Sir, may I know the number of private slums which are owned by various parties in Madras City and also whether the Government contemplate taking any action against these private owners in view of the fact that the conditions of these slums are pretty bad? Do the Government have any proposal to ask these private owners either to surrender these lands to the occupants of the slums or to the City Improvement Trust?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Out of the five cases, four cases have been settled in favour of Harijans. One case is still pending in the High Court. The Government are already examining the suggestion of the hon. Member.

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN : In this connexion, may, I bring it to the notice of the Government that the Director of Harijan Welfare is handicapped for want of funds even for complying with fifty per cent of the applications received in the current year, and that he requires an additional grant of Rs. 5 lakhs to comply with the target of meeting fifty per cent of the applications? Will the Government go to his help at this juncture?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : I am afraid I cannot answer the question because it has nothing to do with the main question. But I may assure the hon. Member that whatever funds are available and are necessary for the purpose of meeting the demands of the Director of Harijan Welfare are being provided for.

SRI P. SELVARAJ : May I know whether the Backward Classes Commission have furnished a fresh list of communities?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : The hon. Member will please put a separate question. This supplementary does not arise out of the main question.